

provinces, and also in Vienna and Madrid is heavy. Out of 1800 women employed at a French tobacco factory only 60 hands are at work.

London, Jan. 7.—Prince Maximilian, of Thurn-et-Taxis, a Polty German Statesman has died of influenza.

Thirteen hundred employees in the Central Post Office, London, are suffering from the malady.

The epidemic is worst in the west and north of London. It is now general throughout England, and is spreading to Ireland. The disease is also very prevalent in Italy.

The mortality in Berlin is unusually high.

THE PACIFIC SQUADRON.

London, Jan. 28.—H.M.S. *Wargyle* has been commissioned to reinforce H.M.S. *Scyllium* on the Pacific Station.

THE O-BISTOKS' STRIKE.

London, Dec. 31.—The executive of the Sailors and Firemen's Union have called out the crews fit in the coalers of London.

London, Jan. 2.—A meeting of the Gas Stokers and other employees of the Gas Company, who have been out on strike from the Hyde Park. One of the speeches was of a violent character, and the speaker advocated the murder of the chairman of the Gas Company for resisting the demands of the men. For this offence the speaker, who is a compositor by trade, was arrested, and he has been committed for trial.

London, Jan. 6.—The gas stokers on strike are appealing to the various trade unions for help.

The crews of two colliers struck work when at Greenwich, and left the vessels.

THE GREEK AND PORTUGAL.

London, Dec. 31.—The British authorities declare that the despatch of the Mediterranean Squadron to Gibraltar was not intended as a menace to Portugal.

Major Serpa Pinto has been virtually recalled by the Portuguese Government from South East Africa.

—DAILY MAIL.

In commenting upon the proceedings of the Portuguese in South-east Africa, advises the British Government to seize Delagoa Bay.

Jan. 7.—Lord Salisbury's reply, ignores the Portuguese pretensions in South-East Africa, and insists upon the rights of England being recognised.

It was reported that the British Mediterranean fleet has been ordered to assemble in the River Tagns on the 12th instant. The report, however, is regarded as premature.

The Standard insists upon vigorous action being taken by England in order to restore her prestige in Africa.

It is stated that German engineers are engaged in laying mines in the Tagns.

MICELANEOUS.

London, Jan. 12.—It is reported a Vienna, that Prince Bismarck would be asked to arbitrate in the Anglo-Portuguese disagreement.

The influenza epidemic is still spreading and half the inhabitants of Vienna have been prostrated by the complaint.

It was reported that the pretensions had appeared among a family of the Prince of Wales, but the rumour has been denied.

Latest advices from Paris announce that the rate of mortality among those afflicted has decreased.

The Bank of France offered a large loan of gold to the Bank of England, which the institution declined with thanks.

Sixteen hundred postmen in London have been attacked by influenza, and incapacitated.

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Peter Reid has devoted £100,000 towards the maintenance of the Convalescent Hospital in London.

The seamen are threatening to strike if non-Unionists are not prohibited from employment on British ships, and the Dock Labour Board is considering another general strike on the same grounds.

Lord Dunraven has been selected to introduce the Eight Hours Labour Bill in the House of Lords, and Lord Randolph Churchill will engineer the Bill in the House of Commons.

It is stated that Cleopatra's tomb has been found.

Her Majesty the Queen is suffering from a serious attack of rheumatism.

London, January 15th.—The Queen Regent of Spain is extremely weak, her

The Australian mail-bags have been burnt in a train en route for San Francisco. The Empress Augusta was buried at Charlottenburg.

The King of Dahomey seized the Governor of Senegambie, but he was immediately released by the French troops.

The cholera has produced a thrif of the Duke of Cambridge.

The epidemic of influenza is gradually abating.

A bridge across the Ohio gave way, and fourteen persons were drowned; only four escaped.

A young girl killed the Chief of the Police at Moscow, and then committed suicide.

The firm of Nordenficht has been declared bankrupt; their liabilities amount to £50,000.

A strike amongst the miners at Charle-
roix, Belgium, has concluded in favour of
the men who have obtained the concessions
demanded.

Referring to the recent terrible scandal
at the West End Club, the Prince of Wales
has expressed his desire that a full and
searching enquiry should be instituted.

Mr H. M. Stanley, the celebrated explorer,
will make a magnificent reception on his
arrival at Cardiff.

An stout man Phil Beck has committed
suicide in Caylon.

Exchange

HONGKONG, January 31.	
On London—	
Bank, Wire,	3/12
" On demand,	3/2
" 30 days' sight,	3/2
" 60 days' sight,	3/2
" 90 days' sight,	3/2
Credit, 4 months' sight,	3/2
Documentary, 4 months' sight,	3/2
On Paris—	
On demand,	4/0
Credit, 3 months' sight,	4/0
On Berlin—	
On demand,	3/21
On New York—	
On demand,	71
Credit, 60 days' sight,	72
On Bombay—	
Wire,	182
On demand,	110
On Calcutta—	
Wire,	216
On demand,	220
On Shanghai—	
On demand,	71
30 days' sight,	72
Local Draft, 100 Rupees,	83 1/2
Silver Rupee,	15 1/4

